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FRESNO SEX OFFENDER SENTENCED TO 15-YEAR PRISON TERM FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

FRESNO, Calif.—Acting United States Attorney Lawrence G. Brown announced today that KEITH ALAN BRECKENRIDGE, 21, of Fresno, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Lawrence J. O'Neill for his conviction of one count of possession of images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. He was sentenced to a prison term of 180 months and a lifetime term of supervised release during which his access to minors, computers, and the internet will be restricted.

This case is the result of a joint investigation by the Fresno Police Department's Sexual Assault Unit and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement with assistance from the Fresno County Sheriff's Department Computer Crimes Unit.

"This sentence sends a warning to anyone who would even consider committing sexual crimes against children," said Brian Poulsen, Resident Agent-in-Charge of the ICE Office of Investigations in Fresno. "ICE will continue to aggressively investigate these types of cases in order to bring child predators to justice."

According to Assistant United States Attorney David Gappa, who prosecuted the case, BRECKENRIDGE was arrested on March 19, 2008, after a probation compliance check as a result of a conviction on December 4, 2006 in the Fresno County Superior Court for sexual battery.

BRECKENRIDGE admitted that from January 2008 through March 19, 2008, he possessed on an Archos Wi-Fi multimedia player more than 600 images of child pornography. Some of the images were of prepubescent children and some depicted violence or sadistic abuse. The defendant also admitted that he had engaged in a pattern of sexual abuse or exploitation of one or more minors.

BRECKENRIDGE has been detained as a flight risk and danger to the community since his initial appearance in federal court on April 10, 2008.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood (PSC), a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, PSC marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information, visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov or call the U.S. Attorneys Office for the Eastern District of California and ask to speak with the PSC coordinator.

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